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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 January 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 March 1999 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is response to applicant's response filed on 01/21/2005.
2. Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-18, and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No 5,187,786 issued to Densmore et al. (hereinafter Densmore) in view of Pub. No.: US 2004/0111730 A1 of Apte.
5. With respect to claim 1, Densmore teaches generating a cache of information relating to the classes in the class path (the implementing a root class with a class hierarchy of objects being a class path containing a plurality of class path directory names, and its elements are class files and class instance, since a path or directory is a hierarchical structure: abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67 and col. 3, lines 1-14 col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28 and the root class and class instance directory are stored in the

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system: col. 4, lines 64-67); creating a wrapper (hierarchy of root class and class instance directory are a wrapper: col. col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28);

requesting a search of the class path and searching the cache to satisfy the requested search (search path: col. 9, lines 6-9 and lines 15-32).

Densmore teaches creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach a level of indirection from application programming interfaces used by a class locator, the wrapper indirection level providing for different caches to be used for the selected elements.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the

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teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

Claim 2 is essentially the same as claim 1 except that it is directed to a computer readable medium rather than a method, and is rejected for the same reason as applied to the claim 1 hereinabove.

With respect to claim 3, Densmore wherein the class path comprises multiple elements, each element having multiple classes stored therein (class hierarchy of object: comprising root class, a plurality of classes: see abstract).

With respect to claim 5, Densmore discloses generating a search request for desired classes within the multi-element class path; and independently satisfying the request in association with each element in the class path (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67 and col. 3, lines 1-13; a wrapper (hierarchy of root class and class instance directory are a wrapper: col. col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28); and search path: col. 9, lines 6-9 and lines 15-32).

Densmore discloses creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a

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root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach a wrapper providing a level of indirection to search the appropriate class path for the search request.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

Claim 6 is essentially the same as claim 5 except that it is directed to a computer readable medium rather than a method, and is rejected for the same reason as applied to the claim 5 hereinabove.

With respect to claim 10, Densmore discloses parsing the class path into names of elements (col. 7, lines 65-67 and col. 8, lines 1-26); determining which elements are viable for caching; and initiating creation of caches and wrappers (hierarchy of root class and class instance directory are a wrapper: col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28) for those elements which are viable (see abstract, see figs: 1, 3 and 4, col. 5, lines 54-67 and col. 6, lines 1-45 and col. 7, lines 55-67 and col. 8, lines 1-26).

Densmore discloses creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach initiating creation of wrappers for each selected elements and the wrapper providing a level of indirection from application programming interfaces used by class locator to search the classes.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined

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JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

With respect to claims 11-14, Densmore discloses wherein the viability of an element for caching is dependent on the ease of tracking which elements have had changes in them; wherein the viability of an element for caching is determined based on it being a predetermined type; checking a registry to see if the element already has a cache associated with it; and determining if an existing cache is up to date (col. 5, lines 54-67, col. 6, lines 1-67, col. 7, lines 1-67 and col. 8, lines 1-26).

With respect to claim 15, Densmore discloses means for receiving requests to search a multi-elements class path for classes (search path: col. 9, lines 6-9 and lines 15-32), means for transferring such request through a wrapper associated (hierarchy of

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root class and class instance directory are a wrapper: col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28).

Densmore discloses creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach a wrapper providing a level of indirection associated with each element to invoke element specific search methods, the search methods using different caches for different elements.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-

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59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

With respect to claim 16, Densmore disclose at least one such element specific search method comprising a cache associated with such element (col. 9, lines 1-32 and col. 4, lines 60-67)

With respect to claim 17, Densmore discloses means for parsing the multi-elements class path into names of elements (col. 7, lines 65-67 and col. 8, lines 1-26); means for determining whether each element is a variable cache candidate and for creating a cache for such variable candidates (col. 5, lines 54-67, col. 6, lines 1-67, col. 7, lines 1-67 and col. 8, lines 1-26) and means for creating indirection wrappers (hierarchy of root class and class instance directory are a wrapper: col. col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28).

Densmore discloses creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class

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file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach means for creating indirection wrappers for each element to map class searches to each element for independent handling.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

With respect to claim 18, Densmore discloses the cache for each viable candidate comprises a name of class (col. 5, lines 9-15 and lines 49-60).

With respect to claim 22, Densmore discloses a class path manager that receives requests for identification or enumeration of classes of classes in the class path; a cache for a cache viable element of the class path; a wrapper for such cache

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viable element that receives such request from the class path manager (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67 and col. 3, lines 1-13; also see col. 5, lines 1-42; col. 7, lines 11-18 and col. 8, lines 6-15).

Densmore discloses creating a root class with a class hierarchy of objects in a hierarchical file system, objects are organized as class instances and classes, the data are contained in the class variables and/or the class instance variables, a hierarchy of a root class directory and root class files, a class making procedure comprising an interface for receiving a class specification as well as for receiving a message (abstract, col. 2, lines 46-67, col. 3, lines 1-14, col. 4, lines 46-67 and col. 5, lines 1-28), setting the search path of hierarchical file system to the content of the class instance or class file under unchanged current directory (col. 9, lines 14-22). Densmore does not explicitly teach a wrapper for each such cache viable element that receives such requests from the class path manager and that provides a transparent level of indirection to services that are specific to such cache viable element.

However, Apte teaches a process of wrapping and unwrapping Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) running on CORBA server, using APIs that utilize the java-defined JDBC-SQL database access interface, using CORBA creating new objects then write wrapper code for that CORBA proxy interface (fig. 11, abstract, sections 0012, 0039-0040, 0052-0055).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the teachings of Densmore with the teachings of Apte, wherein the interface for receiving or selecting the element such as a

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class specification as input in the system provided therein (Densmore's col. 4, lines 52-59 and col. 5, lines 5-28), would incorporate the use of the interfaces of EJB running on a CORBA for creating objects and writing a wrapper providing being used for the objects, classes or elements in the Java applications environment, in the same conventional manner as described by Apte (sections 0012, 0039-40). The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

Claim 23 is essentially the same as claim 5 except that it is directed to a computer readable medium rather than a method, and is rejected for the same reason as applied to the claim 5 hereinabove.

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6. Claims 4, 7-9 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No 5,187,786 issued to Densmore et al. (hereinafter Densmore) in view of Pub. No.: US 2004/0111730 A1 of Apte and further in view of Pub. No.: US 2004/0133882 of Angel et al. (hereinafter Angel).

With respect to claims 4, 7, 8, 9 and 19, Densmore in view of Apte discloses a method for identifying topics as discussed in claim 1, 5, and 17.

Densmore and Apte disclose substantially the invention as claimed.

Densmore and Apte do not teach wherein at least one of the elements comprises a ZIP file, Java classes and Java Package manager.

However, Angel teaches Zip file under a virtual machine (VM) runtime system that interprets and runs byte code, Java byte code, JNI (sections 0132-0134).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Densmore in view of Apte with the teachings of Angel by incorporating the use of zip file under java application environment. The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

With respect to claims 20-21, Densmore discloses the directories are not caches and wherein the viability of an element for caching is dependent on the ease of tracking which elements have had changes in them (see abstract, see figs. 1, 3-4; col. 2, lines 46-65 and col. 5, lines 17-42).

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7. Claim 24 is are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No 5,187,786 issued to Densmore et al. (hereinafter Densmore) in view of Pub. No.: US 2004/0111730 A1 of Apte and further in view of US Patent No. 6,212,564 issued to Harter et al. (hereinafter Harter).

With respect to claim 24, Densmore in view of Apte discloses a computer-readable medium as discussed in claim 23.

Densmore and Apte disclose substantially the invention as claimed.

Densmore and Apte do not teach checking a data/time stamp on the element.

However, Harter discloses the current data/time storing in the cache (col. 3, lines 38-51 and col. 5, lines 1-15).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Densmore in view of Apte with the teachings of Harter by incorporating the use of current date/time storing in the cache. The motivation being to increase the efficiency of the search system.

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